

Submitter: Nicholas A

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3012

Chair Bowman, Vice Chair Drazan, Vice Chair Pham and members of the House Committee on Rules,

My name is Nicholas A, and I live in Oregon City. I am writing to testify in strong support of the Student Voice and Democracy Act, HB 3012, which will allow registered 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in local school board elections, giving students a critical voice in their education thereby strengthening our democracy.

When I was in school a situation led to students' safety being at risk. The students tried to give voice, so the adults were notified on the issue, but they were ignored. If the students would have had the ability to vote and give voice it would have resolved the issue before more harm was done.

I urge you to pass HB 3012 out of committee.

Thank you,
Nicholas A